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SUBJECT: STAFF CENTER BUDGET ESTIMATES

REF: BC-D(73)25, 21 JUNE 1973

1. REF DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE NATO STAFF CENTER FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1973 TO 31 DECEMBER 1974.
2. CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS ON 25 JUNE REVEAL THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF INCLUDING THE BUDGET FOR THE STAFF CENTER AS A CHAPTER WITHIN THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF BUDGET. MOST MEMBERS FAVORED AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OR SOME OTHER BODY OTHER THAN THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE STAFF CENTER BUDGET.
3. THE COSTS FOR OPERATING THE STAFF CENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 73 - 31 DECEMBER 74 (18 MONTHS) IS ESTIMATED AT BF 6,784,580, OF WHICH BF 2,062,000 IS BEING REQUESTED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF BUDGET FROM INCOME RECEIVED FOR BANK AND OTHER CONCESSIONAIRE RENTALS. THE MAJORITY OF THE CBC IS ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS PROVISION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF BUDGET. US REP RESERVED HIS POSITION PENDING DEPT'S GUIDANCE. MISSION'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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POSITION IS THAT STAFF CENTER SHOULD BE MADE TO PAY ITS OWN WAY AND MEMBERSHIP DUES SHOULD BE SET AT A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH RATE TO COVER EXPENSES. WE OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL ON PAGE 7 OF REFERENCED DOCUMENT THAT 80 PCT OF THE INCOME FROM

THE BANK AND OTHER CONCESSIONAIRE SHIPS SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM THE CIVIL BUDGET RECEIPTS TO MEET THE STAFF CENTER EXPENSES. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A 10 OR 15 PCT CONTRIBUTION FROM THIS SOURCE TO BE GIVEN AS A WELFARE DONATION AS IS DONE IN NATIONAL BUDGETS OF MOST GOVERNMENTS FOR SUPPORTING THE EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DUES CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED OF BF 50 PER MONTH AVERAGE FOR LOWER GRADE PERSONNEL AND BF 180 PER MONTH FOR HIGHER GRADE PERSONNEL ARE TOO LOW. THIS WORKS OUT TO BE 1 1/2 FRANCS PER DAY FOR THE LOWER GRADE PERSONNEL AND 6 FRANCS A DAY FOR THE HIGHER GRADE PERSONNEL. BY DOUBLING MEMBERSHIP DUES, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO SHORT-FALL IN THE INCOME TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF THE STAFF CENTER.

4. ANOTHER POINT BROUGHT UP IN THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE CBC MEETING WAS THE INCLUSION OF 12 PERSONNEL TO BE GIVEN NATO STATUS SUCH AS CASHIERS, LIFE GUARDS, ETC. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED, STAFF CENTER WOULD REIMBURSE NATO SALARIES, HOWEVER, THE EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE ALL THE ENTITLED RIGHTS, I.E., PROVIDENT FUND, RETIREMENT, OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL STAFF EMPLOYEES.

5. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THE ABOVE COMMENTS AND ALSO DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATION OF REFERENCED DOCUMENT AND SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY 10 JULY FOR NEXT CBC MEETING. PRENDERGAST.

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